GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4517
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2001
DURGAPUR RAYATWARI MINE ACCIDENT
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): whether an accident took place in Durgapur-Rayatwari Colliery of Western Coalfields Limited in Chandrapur district of Maharastra on March 5, 2001;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the number of miners killed in this accident;

(d): the compensation given to the dependents of the deceased;

(e): whether the Government have conducted any inquiry to ascertain the causes of accident;

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(g): the steps taken or proposed to be taken against the negligent officials in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Six miners were killed in the accident. The details are as under:-

Date & Time of accident	Name of Mine/Area	Name & Designation of deceased	Place of accident	Brief details
5.3.2001 12.30pm Ist shift	Durgapur-Rayatwari Colliery, Chandrapur Area	1. D.P.Rao,Mining Sirdar 2. S.Kallu, Shot Firer 3. S.D.Shrirame, Roof Bolting Crew No. 17 4. P.K.Babulal, Loader 5. C.R.Amte, Tram 6. R.R.Netru, Loader	Between 50 and 51 dip of 14 level of depillaring panel	While the persons were working in the top section for driving the slice, the parting of coal between top and bottom section caved in and collapsed alongwith the persons and sand in the floor of the top section. All the six persons were buried in the sand and coal and they expired.

(d): Details of compensation and other benefits given to the dependents are as under:-

Name & Designation	Life cover By WCL	Ex-Gratia By MOS(C)	Funeral expenses	Compen-sation	Gratuity	
1. D.P.Rao, MS	30000	25000	125000	1700	135508	153770

2. S.Kallu, SF 30000 25000 125000 1700 153090 151676

3. W.D.Shrirame, 30000 25000 125000 1700 181370 48254
Roof Bolting Crew

4. P.K.Babulal, Loader 30000 25000 125000 1700 215280 39575

5. C.R.Amte, Trammer 30000 25000 125000 1700 153090 124270
6. R.R.Netru, Loader 30000 25000 125000 1700 135560 149884

(e)&(f): Preliminary inquiry to ascertain the cause of accident has been conducted by Directorate General of Mines Safety under the Ministry of Labour who are competent to take action as per Mines Act.

(g): WCL management has suo-moto suspended S/Shri U.A..Kaole, Manager, B.V.Haste, Safety Officer, S.D.Ojha, Sr. Survey Officer, Sanjay Shukla, Sr. UM (SG) and N.Das, Mining SirdarFurther action shall be taken after finalisation of inquiry report of Internal Safety Organisation.